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## THE STORY OF THE SOO.

We find in the Guelph Herald a condensation of Mr. Hanna's speech in which he exposed the corrupt work of the Government in respect of the last election at Sault Ste. Marie. The Herald tells the story in plain language, and without heat, and it will be found to be the most interesting bit of the History of Ontario.

"Mr. Hanna, the able representative of West Lambton in the legislature, has earned the gratitude of the people for his clear cut exposures of the Government's political intrigues at Sault Ste. Marie. Mr. Hanna's story is told in simple and forcible language, and has convinced every honest minded man who has heard it of the corruption of the Government in its conduct of what are termed the 'Soo negotiations'."

"It will be remembered that last September, the Consolidated Lake Superior companies announced their inability to continue in business. In financial circles, for some time previous, it had been known that the Clergue enterprises were in distress. The general public, however, had been so impressed by the New Ontario boom and the magic performances of Mr. Clergue that the collapse of the undertaking came to them as a great shock. The most distressful feature of the situation, however, was the fact that thousands of men employed in the various works of the company had been summarily turned out of employment without their wages unpaid. General sympathy was expressed for these unfortunate workmen, and Mr. Whitney, the leader of the Opposition, early took occasion to express the hope that Mr. Ross and his colleagues would see their way clear to guarantee the wages of the laborers and mechanics holding as security concessions granted to, but not earned by, the corporation. To this view of the leader of the Opposition, the Government gave practical endorsement a few days later by announcing its intention to pay the wages of the Sault workmen. The official reason for this intervention was expressed in the words 'to relieve distress and prevent riot and bloodshed.' The real reason unquestionably was a desire to make political capital out of the distress, which the shutting down of the Sault industries had occasioned. The Sault had been vacant, it will be remembered, for several months. Mr. Macmillan, the Conservative member, through the corrupt purchase and distribution of liquor by an agent, had been unseated before the 1902 session of the legislature was called. The Government made no move to fill the vacancy. Muskoka gave promise of affording an example equal to North Renfrew of the utter disregard of the Ontario ministers for the constitutional rights of the electorate, but when in September the crash came which silenced the busy hum of industry in that city, the Government saw that the Sault's adversity was the Government's opportunity."

"Simultaneously with the decision to pay the wages of the workmen 'to relieve distress and prevent riot and bloodshed,' came the issue of a writ to fill the long-standing vacancy in the legislature. The elections were fixed for Oct. 27, and on the 3rd, 5th and 6th of that month agents of the Government proceeded to pay the wages. Mr. Hanna, who was present in the Sault during the campaign, exposes in detail the modus operandi of the campaign. The workmen having received his pay and signed a receipt, was immediately ushered into the Liberal headquarters, where the necessary details for his registration and vote in the Liberal interests were secured. In this way the money of the people of the province was utilized as a bribe to every unpaid employee of the Clergue industries. But that was not enough. When the supplementary registration came about, the Liberals presented some fifty or sixty affidavits from men who had been unable to present themselves at the regular sittings of the registration court. Suspicion attached to these affidavits, because of the fact that although they were made by men living in most instances many miles distant from each other, they were all sworn to before the one commissioner. The first man called positively swore that he had never made an affidavit. Then the commissioner, Mr. Drew, was summoned. He told a straight story and impressed everybody with his own personal honesty in the matter. He said he had been called on several occasions to the Liberal committee rooms to take the affidavits of alleged elec-

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tors. He only read the jurat, taking it for granted that the rest was all right, nor could he identify the person making the affidavit, presuming that he was the one whose signature was affixed and who took the oath. It turned out that in nearly every instance these affidavits had been forged and sworn to by persons, and as a result the whole list was abandoned by the Liberals.

"The next incident of interest was the great mass-meeting held on the Saturday previous to the election in the Opera House at the Sault. Among the speakers were the attorney-general and the minister of education. To Hon. Mr. Gibson it was given to implement the personal bribery already so largely engaged in with a generous proposition to the whole city to stand by the government. He read a letter from the gentleman who had charge of the legal conduct of the negotiations to the effect that through the kindly intervention of the government the companies had decided to resume operations on the Tuesday following. At the same meeting a telegram from Senator Dandurand to C. N. Smith, the Liberal candidate, was read, announcing the negotiations for the reorganization of the companies had been completed and that he desired to thank the government for its assistance in the matter. Hon. Mr. Gibson, goaded to some kind of an explanation for his indefensible conduct at the Sault, declared in the house that following the reading of the letter and telegram he had requested the electors there present not to allow these announcements to influence them one iota in their votes. Mr. Hanna compares this attitude of the attorney-general with that of the man who quietly slips a \$5 bill to an elector on the eve of polling day, and then requests him not to allow the payment of the money to affect his decision on the morrow."

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"It may well be imagined, with what pleasure and gratitude the people of the Sault heard the announcement of Mr. Gibson and read subsequently the flaring handbill promising the immediate revival of their industries. It was felt that above all things the government must be supported. Old-time Conservatives, who had business interests in the Sault, energetically espoused the cause of C. N. Smith. All their interests were at stake; they thought it meant prosperity or ruin to them. Political effect was sought to be given to the program outlined on Saturday night, early in the week of election. The day before polling a large staff of men was engaged to put the machinery in the various mills in shape for the renewal of operations. On the morning of polling day the furnace fires were lighted and the heavy columns of smoke were seen emerging from the tall chimneys. The people of the Sault saw these signs of returning prosperity and were glad. They went to the polls and voted for the candidate of the government that had so magnanimously set the wheels of industry once more in motion. What was the indignation of the same people when, a few days later, it was found that all these promises had been made only to be broken; that no tangible arrangement had been completed for a revival of the Sault industries; that the machinery fitted up the day before polling day had been dismantled the morning after and that the fires had been lighted on the morning of the election only to deceive the distressed community."

"The details of the payment of the Sault wages constitute another and still more discreditable chapter in these negotiations. The president and other men responsible for the collapse of the industries are the chief beneficiaries from the intervention of the government to relieve distress and prevent riot and bloodshed. Mr. Shields and his associates purchased and accepted supplies from Ontario business men up to the very last. They must have known there was no money in the treasury to pay for the goods, but when the crash came Mr. Shields was paid at the rate of thirty thousand dollars a year for his back wages, but the tradesmen who had been led to believe that the companies were in a solvent condition were allowed, many of them to go to the wall. No language is too strong to condemn the wrongs perpetrated on 'the people of Ontario at the Sault.'"

## STUMPED.

Hamilton Spectator.

What bothers this great non-partisan journal is this: It is important pair, that the government majority may be kept down to 3. If it went up to 10 or 20 it would have a bad effect on the people. But it is not at all important to cut down the government majority to nothing or less! That's what gets us.

## HAS STAR-EYED SOO.

Bobcaygeon Independent. In order to have the Soo industries reorganized, and put on their feet again, Premier Ross has undertaken to guarantee two million of four per cent bonds, for two years. The good eyes that hazy Soo must be making at the premier, must be outrageous.

## FOR INSTRUCTIONAL PURPOSES.

Toronto Mail.

The discovery of three ballot-boxes in the old Liberal committee rooms at Chatham was certainly a queer find. But in view of the operations of the experts of the Ontario government at elections, it may be that they were there for educational purposes. The statesmen cannot do all the "slipping" and "stuffing" without practice.

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For constipated bowels and piles is Dr. Hamilton's Pills of Mandrake and Butternut, which cause no gripping pain and act promptly. Well known to all doctors. Use only Dr. Hamilton's Pills. Price 25c.

## THE STAGE

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS.

At Chatham Grand—  
Welshman Musicals—March 25.  
Tom Marks—Mar. 28-Apr. 2.

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In the past, local theatre-goers have been very generous in their support of this company, and have been kind enough to say they had been pleased with the entertainment offered, but this season all will be more than pleased, for the show is larger, better, brighter and more up-to-date than ever before. All ladies should avail themselves of the special Monday night offer. The prices during the engagement will be 10, 20, 25 and 30 cents. Seats on sale at Brisco's, Saturday.

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## DISTRICT DOINGS.

## SANDISON.

Silas Russell is improving his farm by a new fence.

Ben Bennett has bought a fast driver and he expects to make the dust fly this summer.

## WHY BRAIN WORKERS BREAK DOWN.

Man is not a machine that keeps going as long as the steam is applied. He is a creature of blood, nerves and delicately balanced organism. Many don't realize this, but overwork their brains and break down. Brain workers need a strong, bracing tonic like Ferrozone to fortify their nerves and keep the blood pure and rich. Take Ferrozone and you'll do more work. You will have the strength, the ambition and the desire for work because your system will be in first-class order. For your health and strength take Ferrozone regularly. Price 50c. at druggists.

## BLENHEIM

Mar. 23.—Elder and Mrs. S. Brown spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. R. Coburn.

Our local newspaper men have

amalgamated. After the 1st of April the firm will be Theo. Pickering and M. J. Denholm. Mr. A. Denholm, who has conducted the Blenheim News here for sixteen years, is going to enjoy a well earned rest.

Tom Higley, of Chatham, has taken a position with H. Winters. The Mull Social Club held a successful assembly last evening. Several from Chatham attended. The Blenheim orchestra furnished the music.

Bear in mind the date of the entertainment, Mar. 31st, given under the auspices of the public school teachers. A good program is assured.

W. Coupland, Chatham, was a Blenheim visitor on Tuesday.

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WANTED. AGENTS WANTED—\$2.50 day. Address Cooper, London, Ont.

WANTED—At once, at the Mineral Bath House, a male attendant. Apply at the office.

WANTED—A steady man for general work in my stable, garden and house. Good wages by the year. March 3, 1904. Chas. R. Atkinson.

WANTED—Men wanted to learn barber trade, only eight weeks required by our system of constant practice; tools furnished; diplomas given. Full tuition \$25. Call or write, Detroit Barber College, 48 Woodward avenue, Detroit, Mich.

WANTED—RELIABLE MEN—\$50 per month and expenses \$2.50 per day, to reliable men in every locality, introducing our goods, tacking up show cards on trees, fences, along roads and all conspicuous places; steady employment to good, honest, write at once for particulars. The capable men; no experience needed; Empire Medicine Co., London, Ont.

FOR SALE OR TO RENT.

HOUSE FOR SALE—On Grant street. For particulars, apply to Thomas Scullard, or at this office.

PROPERTY FOR SALE—House and lot on Lansdowne avenue, lately occupied by Arthur Green. For particulars apply to George B. Clements, Grand Trunk R. R. station.

HOUSE AND THREE LOTS FOR SALE—On Forster and Baldwin St. being composed of lots No. 2, Sub. 24. The house has a brick foundation, good cellar and is within a short distance of Head street; will be sold cheap and on easy terms of payment. Apply to Chas. Terry, Head street, or address Chatham, P. O.

FARM FOR SALE—North east half of lot 16, Front concession, Township of Harwich, 133 acres. All cleared, clay loam, two good sized frame houses. Large frame barn and cattle shed; stable and driveway combined; granary and implement house. Buildings all in good repair; about five acres of orchard; artesian well, windmill and pump; three other wells. Price \$4,000.00. Apply on the premises to Mrs. John J. Walrath, or to W. F. Smith, barrister and solicitor, Chatham, Ont.

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TERMS—All sums of \$10 and under cash; over that amount 7 months' credit will be given. A discount of 7 per cent. per annum will be given for cash on all sums entitled to credit.

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